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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON MEMBER STATE LAWS
REGARDING APPEALS FROM CUSTOMS DECISIONS

REF: SECSTATE 34343

On March 18, post delivered the request, per reftel, to the Department of International Affairs at the Customs Directorate of the Slovak Republic. The office responded that the process for appealing decisions by the Slovak Customs Authority is subject to the Law on Administrative Action No 71/1967 of the Collection of Laws, Chapter 4 on Appellate Review, Section 1, Appellate Procedure; and the Law on the Civil Court No 99/1963 of the Collection of Laws, Chapter 5 on Administrative Justice. According to these laws, the involved party has the right to appeal customs decisions by submitting an appeal to the Customs Authorities. The next available forum for appeal is at the Regional Court level. If the case involves the Customs Directorate, the relevant court would be the Supreme Court. The applicable laws will be sent via e-mail to USTR addressees as requested in reftel. Post regrets that both the laws are only available in the Slovak language.
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